

General

Title

Ambulatory surgery: percentage of Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions requiring a hospital transfer or hospital admission upon discharge from the ASC.

Source(s)

ASC Quality Collaboration. ASC quality measures: implementation guide. Version 3.2. Saint Petersburg (FL): ASC Quality Collaboration; 2015 Oct. 37 p.

Measure Domain

Primary Measure Domain

Related Health Care Delivery Measures: Use of Services

Secondary Measure Domain

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

Description

This measure is used to assess the percentage of Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions requiring a hospital transfer or hospital admission upon discharge from the ASC.

Rationale

The need for transfer/admission is an unanticipated outcome and could be the result of insufficient rigor in patient or procedure selection. Hospital transfers/admissions can result in unplanned cost and time burdens that must be borne by patients and payers.

Selected states have expressed an interest in the public reporting of such events. While hospital transfers and admissions undoubtedly represent good patient care when necessary, high rates may be an indicator that practice patterns or patient selection guidelines are in need of review.

Evidence for Rationale

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Primary Health Components

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC); hospital transfer or admission

Denominator Description

All Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

Numerator Description

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions requiring a hospital transfer or hospital admission upon discharge from the ASC (see the related "Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

Evidence Supporting the Measure

Type of Evidence Supporting the Criterion of Quality for the Measure

A formal consensus procedure, involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, public health and organizational sciences

One or more research studies published in a National Library of Medicine (NLM) indexed, peer-reviewed journal

Additional Information Supporting Need for the Measure

Unspecified

Extent of Measure Testing

The measures included in this implementation guide have been developed using a multi-step process. Each has been vetted with both an internal panel of technical experts and an external panel of individuals and/or organizations with relevant expertise. All of the measures have been pilot tested in Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) and assessed for validity, feasibility and reliability.

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State of Use of the Measure

State of Use

Current routine use

Current Use

not defined yet

Application of the Measure in its Current Use

Measurement Setting

Ambulatory Procedure/Imaging Center

Professionals Involved in Delivery of Health Services

not defined yet

Least Aggregated Level of Services Delivery Addressed

Single Health Care Delivery or Public Health Organizations

Statement of Acceptable Minimum Sample Size

Does not apply to this measure

Target Population Age

All ages

Target Population Gender

Either male or female

National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care

National Quality Strategy Priority

Institute of Medicine (IOM) National Health Care Quality Report Categories

IOM Care Need

Not within an IOM Care Need

IOM Domain

Not within an IOM Domain

Data Collection for the Measure

Case Finding Period

Unspecified

Denominator Sampling Frame

Patients associated with provider

Denominator (Index) Event or Characteristic

Encounter

Denominator Time Window

not defined yet

Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions

Inclusions

All Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions*

**Admission:* Completion of registration upon entry into the facility.

Exclusions

None

Exclusions/Exceptions

not defined yet

Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions

Inclusions

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions requiring a hospital transfer or hospital admission upon discharge from the ASC

Note:

Hospital transfer/admission: Any transfer/admission from an ASC directly to an acute care hospital including hospital emergency room.
Discharge: Occurs when the patient leaves the confines of the ASC.

Exclusions

None

Numerator Search Strategy

Institutionalization

Data Source

Paper medical record

Other

Type of Health State

Proxy for Health State

Instruments Used and/or Associated with the Measure

Sample Data Collection Sheet: All-Cause Hospital Transfer/Admission

Computation of the Measure

Measure Specifies Disaggregation

Does not apply to this measure

Scoring

Rate/Proportion

Interpretation of Score

Does not apply to this measure (i.e., there is no pre-defined preference for the measure score)

Allowance for Patient or Population Factors

not defined yet

Standard of Comparison

not defined yet

Identifying Information

Original Title

All-cause hospital transfer/admission.

Measure Collection Name

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Quality Measures

Submitter

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Quality Collaboration - Health Care Quality Collaboration

Developer

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Quality Collaboration - Health Care Quality Collaboration

Funding Source(s)

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) providers; nursing, physician, and provider associations

Composition of the Group that Developed the Measure

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) providers; nursing, physician, and provider associations; provider accrediting organizations

Financial Disclosures/Other Potential Conflicts of Interest

None

Measure Initiative(s)

Ambulatory Surgery Center Quality Reporting Program

Adaptation

This measure was not adapted from another source.

Date of Most Current Version in NQMC

2015 Oct

Measure Maintenance

Unspecified

Date of Next Anticipated Revision

Unspecified

Measure Status

This is the current release of the measure.

This measure updates a previous version: ASC Quality Collaboration. ASC quality measures: implementation guide. Version 2.0. Ambulatory Surgery Center; 2014 Jan. 32 p.

Measure Availability

Source available from the [Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Quality Collaboration Web site](#)

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